

GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES SMALL GRANTS INITIATIVE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues (S/GWI) is pleased to announce the launch of its first small grants initiative designed to fund worthy projects that promote women's political, economic, and social advancement in developing countries. Project proposals should not exceed \$100,000.

S/GWI's mandate is to develop and coordinate U.S. foreign policy and programs with the goal of advancing women's political, economic, and social rights worldwide. To that end, S/GWI works to increase women's and girls' access to education and health care, to combat violence against women and girls in all its forms, and to ensure that women's rights are fully integrated with human rights in the development of U.S. foreign policy.

Potential initiatives:

Within the general scope described above, posts are encouraged to think creatively to identify and address priority issues facing women in the host country. (Please note that the funding for this small grants initiative comes from foreign assistance, which can only be used for programs that promote women's political, economic and social advancement in developing countries.)

Project initiatives through this fund could include, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- Education: women's literacy and innovative ways to keep girls in school and help ensure safety while attending school; also, health education initiatives;
- Food security: supporting small holder female farmers through women's leadership and property rights training and land tenure reform advocacy initiatives;
- Climate change: support women's community groups for training in adaptation and mitigation, and enhanced participation of women in climate change problem-solving;
- Gender-based violence (GBV): support for NGOs or community-based resource centers in combating GBV manifesting in practices ranging from honor killings to indentured servitude; support for victims of domestic violence as well as rape as a tool of war, particularly in light of the Secretary's recent visit to the DRC and her focus on this issue;

- Economic opportunity: programs to provide training in business and management through mentoring, and support for women's artisan groups for product design, marketing, and related needs;
- Democracy and political empowerment: political and policy reform and leadership training initiatives;
- Legal reform: judicial and law enforcement training initiatives; promoting women's property rights; and equal access to justice.

Proposals:

Proposals should not exceed six pages in length and must include the following:

1. Statement clearly identifying the problem to be addressed;
2. Summary of the proposed program;
3. Project description, including specific activities, desired outcomes and performance measures;
4. Detailed budget of no more than \$100,000;
5. Description of the recipient organization, including their technical and management capacity.

The project should not exceed eighteen months in duration.

You are requested to submit your project to the U.S. Embassy Algiers using the form below. Written proposals can be in English, French, or Arabic. However, the final agreement will be drafted in English. We look forward to receiving creative proposals to meet the objectives mentioned above.

Please send your application package no later than noon February 11, 2010 to Ms. Nadia Ouhenia at ouhenianx@state.gov.